(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government has taken adequate steps to provide funds to the. needy and poor farmers at comparatively lower interest rates.

Production of onion

†3193. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of onion in the kharif season in 2006-07 was more than that of kharif season of previous year;

(b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the details of production of onion during both of the said years, separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more quantity of onion was exported this year as compared to the previous year from the country; and

(d) if so, the quantity of exported onion till January, 2007 and to what extent it is lesser or more than the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production of onion in the kharif season in the year 2006-07 was more about 13% compared to previous year. Onion production during kharif was more mainly in the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu States. However, it was less in Gujarat, MP. and Orissa States. State-wise estimates on the' area and production during kharif, late kharif and rabi season in the year 2006-07 in comparison to previous year are given in Statement *(See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. A significant increase in onion exports was recorded during 2006-07 as compared to previous year.

(d) During the year 2006-07 upto 26.2.2007, NAFED and other State Trading Enterprises (STEs) put together have exported/issued NOCs for a quantity of 10,43,072 mts. of onion as against a quantity of 6,99,663 mts exported upto 28.2.2006 which is more by 3,43,409 mts. showing an increase of about 49%.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement,

State-wise Area and Production of Onion for 2004-05 to 2006-07

Area in '000' HA *Prodn in '000' Ton* *Yield in Ton/HA*

	2004-2005			2005-2006			2006-2007		
State	Area	Production	Yield	Area	Prodn.	Yield	Area	Prodn.	Yield
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
KHARIF									
Andhra Pradesh	1 90	16.75	8.82	2 10	1850	8.81	2.10	18.50	8.81
Bihar	2.15	32.25	15.00	205	30.65	14.95	2.05	30.65	14.95
Gujarat	8.25	165.00	20.00	7.75	150.00	19.35	6.82	136.40	20.00
Haryana	5.50	100 00	18.18	5.30	96.00	18.11	5.30	96.00	18.11
Karnataka	27.00	202.50	7.50	30.24	226 80	7.50	34.78	278.21	8.00
Madhya Pradesh	5.00	66 00	13.20	4.00	52 80	13.20	3.12	49.92	16.00
Maharashtra	11.48	270 00	23.52	975	155.00	15.90	11.70	222.38	19.01
Orissa	0.50	800	16.00	050	8.00	16.00	0.43	7.23	16.81
Rajasthan	13.00	190.00	14.62	1365	200 00	14.65	14.47	245.97	17 00
Tamil Nadu	11.50	127 00	11.04	1380	15310	11.09	14.49	159.39	11.00
Uttar Pradesh	1.25	13.00	10.40	1 15	12.00	10.43	1.15	12.00	10.43
Others	4.00	56.00	14.00	4 15	58.00	13.98	4.35	61.01	1403
TOTAL:	91.53	1246.50	13.62	94 44	1160 85	1229	96.41	1256.65	13.03

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LATE KHARIF									
Gujarat	22 00	430.00	19.55	23.10	451 50	19.55	19.64	406.35	20 69
Maharashtra	26 50	550.00	20.75	29.15	605 00	20.75	30.60	653.40	21 35
Orissa	1000	200.00	20.00	10.00	185.00	18.50	10.50	197.95	18.85
Others	6.75	125.00	18.52	6.95	128 75	18.53	7.30	139.05	19 05
TOTAL:	65 25	1305.00	20 00	69.20	1370 25	19.80	68.04	1396.75	20.53
RABI									
Andhra Pradesh	19.00	170 00	895	19.95	178 50	8.95	17.56	157.08	8.95
Bihar	22 00	235.00	10.68	22.00	23500	10.68	24 20	258.50	1068
Gujarat	17 50	365 00	20.86	18.38	383.25	20.85	20.21	440.74	21 81
Haryana	775	161.00	20.77	7.75	161.00	20 77	7.75	161.00	20 77
Karnataka	10.35	67 50	6.52	11.40	79.80	7.00	11.05	78 20	7.08
Madhya Pradesh	21 00	245.00	11.67	21 50	251 00	11.67	19.35	238.45	12.32
Maharashtra	43.00	850.00	19.77	55.00	1090.00	19.77	5885	1242.60	21.11
Orissa	45 00	280.00	6.22	45.00	280.00	6.22	46.35	294.00	6.34
Rajasthan	14.00	172.00	12.29	14.70	180.60	12.29	13.23	162.54	12.29
Tamil Nadu	10.00	95.50	9.55	10.20	98.00	9.61	11.73	107.80	9.19
Uttar Pradesh	52.50	550.00	10.48	52.50	550.00	10.48	55.13	577.50	10.48
Others	21.50	200.00	9.30	22 00	205.00	9.32	24.20	235.75	9.74
TOOL:	283.60	3391.00	11.96	300.38	3(692.15	12.29	309.61	3954.16	12.77
GRAND TOTAL:	440.38	5942.50	13.49	464.02	6223.25	13.41	474.06	6607.56	13.94

SOURCE : NHRDF